Interim recommendations of the fourth Central Pay Commission

171. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Central Pay Commission is not making any interim recommendations to provide intermediate relief to the Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) According to para 4 of the Government Resolution dated 29th July, 1983 setting up the Fourth Central Pay Commission, the Commission may consider, if necessary, sending reports on any of the matters as and when the recommendations are finalised. Government have so far not received any report from the Commission.

Manufacture of light helicopter in collaboration with a West German firm

172. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a deal to indigenously design and produce a modern advanced light helicopter for the Indian Air Force and the Navy is being finalised with a West German firm;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the first India made helicopter is likely to take to the skies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agreement for the design and development of an Advanced Light Helicopter has been concluded with M|s. MBB of the Federal Republic of Germany on 21st July, 1984. The 7-year Agreement envisages that the first prototype will fly in about 4 years time.

(c) The Indian made helicopters will be delivered to the Services in early 1990s.

Searches conducted under FERA

173. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of searches conducted by the Enforcement Directorate under FERA from January to June 1984;

(b) what are the details of cash and other documents seized as a result of these searches; and

(c) what is the number of persons arrested for violation of FERA regulations?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) During the period January to June 1984 the Enforcement Directorate conducted 1191 searches; resulting in the seizure of incriminating documents; Indian currency totalling Rs. 71.42 lakhs and foreign currency worth Rs. 23.22 lakhs (approx)

(c) During the above period; 71 persons were arrested under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act.

FICCI suggestion for promotion of Tourism

174. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently urged upon Government to take urgent measures to promote tourism in the country which has suffered following the withdrawal of landing permit facility to individual tourists and also due to the high cost of total package offered to the tourists; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) At a Workshop on 'Tourism—Problems and Prospects' organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in March, 1984 measures to promote tourism were discussed. Besides initiating several measures to promote tourism, the Department has geared its publicity and promotional activities by way of advertising in media; organising of seminars; film shows; India evenings and participation in exhibitions etc. Familiarisation tours are also organised for media and travel trade representatives to promote facilities and attractions in India.

Shortage of small notes and coins

175. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:
SHRI G. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is an acute shortage of small notes and coins in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a bank note press and also a mint in order to meet the shortage of small notes and coins in the country;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) the sites selected for the purpose and the funds allotted for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes; Sir Since the indigenous availability of currency and bank note paper is insufficient to cater to the present level of requirement of currency printing presses; the shortfall is proposed to be met by imports.

(b) to (d) Proposals are under active consideration for setting up a new Mint as also a new currency printing press but it is early to give further details in this regard.

Workers' participation in the Management of NTC Mills

176. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG AIYUBBAIG:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Workers' Participation in the management of the mills run by National Textile Corporation during the current year;

(b) if so; what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the textile mills in Gujarat where such participation will be introduced; and

(d) what is the State-wise number of textile mills workers rendered jobless as a result of closure of textile mills.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) A scheme for setting up Management Committees; envisaging increased labour participation in vital areas of management has already been introduced in 27 nationalised textile mills under N.T.C.; the names of which are given in the statement attached (Statement I) (*See* below). The scheme has already been introduced in three mills in Gujarat and the names thereof are given in attached statement I. It is proposed to set up such committees in another 12 units of various subsidiaries during the current year.

(d) The required information as on 30-6-1984; is given in the statement attached (Statement II).